

# AMERICAN LEAGUE READY TO EXPAND

## Approval of 1962 Franchise for Dallas Almost Certain —St. Paul Also in Line

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 12 (AP)  
—The American League, in line with its plan to increase membership to ten teams, is expected to approve the application of Dallas-Fort Worth and possibly Minneapolis-St. Paul at an expansion meeting next week. The meeting probably will be held Wednesday.

Del Webb, the co-owner of the New York Yankees and the chairman of the expansion committee, disclosed today that eighteen applications for membership had been received by his committee for 1962 entry.

"We hope we will be able to name the two cities right after our meeting," said Webb. "We want to consummate our expansion program as fast as we can."

Webb said the meeting would be "a couple of days" after the National League meeting and would take place in New York, Washington or Boston.

The National League is scheduled to meet in Chicago next Monday to consider applications made by New York and Houston last night for franchises in 1962.

Webb declined to divulge which cities had the most support of the American League membership. But it was understood that Dallas-Fort Worth was virtually certain to be accepted as the ninth team. Minneapolis-St. Paul has the inside track for No. 10, although a group led by Hank Greenberg of the Chicago White Sox is holding out for Los Angeles.

In Toronto, Jack Cooke said he had sent a telegram to Ford Frick, the baseball commissioner, making a formal application for a franchise in the American League.

Cooke owns the Toronto team in the International League and was a founding father of the now defunct Continental League.

A three-fourths majority, or six of the eight votes, is needed for approval of an applicant in either league.

Webb revealed that, contrary to general belief, the major leagues are not committed to confine their selections to cities of the Continental League.